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SUBJECT: PRESS HIGHLIGHTS FURTHER ASSURANCES OF US SUPPORT

1. ROK PRESS AMY 7 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE BOTH TO SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SPEAKER CHONG IL-KWON AND TO PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON KOREA.

2. CITING ROK AMBASSADOR HAM PYONG-CHUN AS SOURCE, WASHINGTON DISPATCHES FROM ROK CORRESPONDENTS AND WIRE SERVICES REPORTED THAT SECRETARY HAD PLEDGED TO CHONG THAT US WOULD FIRMLY HONOR US-ROK DEFENSE TREATY AND HAD MADE CLEAR THAT US WOULD NOT REDUCE FORCES IN KOREA IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HAM ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSMENT THAT SECRETARY HAD ASSURED CHONG THAT US WAS PLANNING "CONSIDERABLE" MILITARY AID TO ROK IN FY 76 AND HAS ASSERTED THAT US WOULD DO ITS BEST TO HELP COMPLETE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT SECRETARY HAD SAID RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM "COULD BY NO MEANS BE LINKED TO KOREA."

3. AFTERNOON PRESS GAVE TOP PLAY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S MAY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARK THAT "IT IS MY AID TO TIE MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER SOUTH KOREA WITH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES." LARGE HEADLINES ANNOUNCING THAT

ROK-US RELATIONS WILL BE STRENGTHENED INTRODUCED  
BRIEF REPORTS OF PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS, AUGMENTED BY  
REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CHONG AND OF  
HIS MAY 6 TODAY SHOW COMMENTS ON US ASIAN POLICY  
AND NEED TO HONOR COMMITMENT TO ROK.  
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